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REFERENDA AND PRIMARY ELECTION MATERIALS (ICPSR 0006)

COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections
for States

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 3 to 254 per part

Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part

Record Length: 85 to 7,919

per part

Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data
Definition Statements
Record Length: 80

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1

ICPSR State Code 23

2

County or State Name

3

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

(Amendment to the

Constitutional Amendment Constitution of 1963)

Primary Election, August 6, 1968

Yes = 553,182; No = 228,738

Proposal No. 1 - Proposed Amendment to Add a
Section 30 to Article VI of the State Constitution
to Establish a Judicial Tenure Commission and to
Provide for its Membership and Duties.

4

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

5

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

(Amendment to the

Constitutional Amendment Constitution of 1963)

Primary Election, August 6, 1968

Yes = 417,393; No = 346,839

Proposal No. 2 - Proposed Amendment to Section
12 of Article IV of the State Constitution to
Establish a State Officers Compensation Commission.
The proposed amendment to Section 12 of Article IV
would do the following:

6

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

7

Vote No (Against)

Proposal No. 1 (continued) -

The proposed amendment to add Section 30 to Article VI would do the following:

1. Establish a judicial tenure commission consisting of judges, lawyers and laymen.
2. Authorize the Supreme Court upon recommendation of the Commission to censure, suspend, remove or retire a judge convicted of a felony or guilty of misconduct in office or having a physical or mental disability which prevents the performance of judicial duties.

Shall the State Constitution be Amended to Establish a Judicial Tenure Commission and to Provide for its Membership and Duties?

Proposal No. 2 (continued) -

1. Create a 7-member commission to be appointed by the Governor.
2. The commission would determine salaries and expense allowances of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Justices of the Supreme Court and Members of the Legislature.
3. Permit the Legislature by a two-thirds vote of each house to reject the salaries and expense allowances determined by the commission.

Shall the State Constitution be Amended to Provide for a State Officers Compensation Commission and to Provide for its Membership, Duties and Limitations?

Source: Official Canvass of Votes, Primary Election, August 6, 1968, General Election, November 5, 1968, Published by the Department of Administration

State Michigan

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

(Amendment to the

Constitutional Amendment Constitution of 1963)

Primary Election, August 6, 1968

Yes = 494,512; No = 266,561

Proposal No. 3 - Proposed Amendment to the State
Constitution Relating to the Filling of Judicial
Vacancies and Extend Existing Constitutional
Provisions to Appointed Judges. The proposed
amendments to Sections 20, 22, 23 and 24 of Article

8

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

9

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

(Amendment to the

Constitutional Amendment Constitutional of 1963)

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 614,826; No = 2,025,052

Proposal No. 1 - Proposed Amendment to Remove the
Present Restriction Against the Adoption of a Graduated
Income Tax. Shall Section 7 of Article IX of the State
Constitution be amended to read as follows: "An in-
come tax at flat rates or graduated as to rate or base

10

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

11

Vote No (Against)

Proposal No. 3 (continued) - VI of the State Constitution would do the following:

1. Vacancies in the office of Judge of Courts of Record or District Courts would be filled by the Governor until January 1 following the next general election.
2. Extend existing constitutional provisions to appointed judges.

Shall the State Constitution be Amended to Provide that the Governor Shall Fill Judicial Vacancies and to Extend Existing Constitutional Provisions to Appointed Judges?

Proposal No. 1 (General Election, continued) - may be imposed by the state or any any of its subdivisions"?

Source I (Primary Election) - Official Canvass of Votes, Primary Election, August 6, 1968, General Election, November 5, 1968, -
Published by the Department of Administration

Source II (General Election) - Official Canvass of Votes, Primary Election, August 6, 1968, General Election, November 5, 1968,
Published by the Department of Administration

State Michigan

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Referendum on Act 6 of the Public Acts of 1967

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 1,402,562; No = 1,403,052

Proposal No. 2

Referendum on Act 6 of the Public Acts of 1967

(Daylight Savings Time) - Public Act 6 provides that

Michigan shall be exempted from observing Daylight

Savings Time. The purpose of this referendum is to

approve or reject this act. Shall the State of Michigan

Observe Daylight Savings Time?

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Referendum on Act 76 of the Public Acts of 1968

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 1,906,385; No = 796,079

Proposal No. 3 - Referendum on Act 76 of the Public

Acts of 1968 (Proposal Relating to Bonding to Abate

Water Pollution) - Shall the State of Michigan borrow

the sum of \$335,000,000.00 and issue general obligation

bonds of the state therefor pledging the full faith and

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

Vote No (Against)

Proposal No. 3 (continued) - credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest thereon for the purpose of planning, acquiring and constructing facilities for the prevention and abatement of water pollution and for the making of grants, loans and advances to municipalities, political subdivisions and agencies of the state for such purposes, the method of repayment of said bonds to be from the general fund of the state?

Source: Official Canvass of Votes, Primary Election, August 6, 1968, General Election, November 5, 1968, Published by the Department of Administration

State Michigan

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Referendum on Act 257 of the Public Acts of 1968
General Election, November 5, 1968
Yes = 1,384,254; No = 1,235,681

Proposal No. 4 - Referendum on Act 257 of the Public
Acts of 1968 (Proposal Relating to Bonding for Public
Recreational Purposes) - Shall the State of Michigan
borrow the sum of \$100,000,000.00 and issue general
obligation bonds of the state therefor pledging the

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Amendment to the Constitution of 1963
General Election, November 5, 1968
Yes = 778,388; No = 1,783,186

Proposal No. 5 - Proposed Amendment to Permit the
Election of Members of the Legislature During their
Term of Office to Another State Office. Section 9
of Article IV of the State Constitution now prohibits
the election as well as the appointment of members of

Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

Vote No (Against)

Proposal No. 4 (continued) - full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest thereon for public recreational facilities and programs consisting of land acquisition and the development of parks, forest and wildlife areas, fisheries and other facilities used or useful for public recreational purposes and for the making of grants, loans and advances to political subdivisions and agencies of the state for such recreational purposes, the method of repayment of said bonds to be from the general fund of the state?

Proposal No. 5 (continued) - the Legislature during their term of office to another state office.

Shall this Section be Amended to Permit Their Election to Another Office?

Source: Official Canvass of Votes, Primary Election, August 6, 1968, General Election, November 5, 1968, Published by the Department of Administration

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1970 Ballot Proposals

Const. Amndt., Proposition A, Aid to Schools
General Election, November 3, 1970

Yes = 1,416,838 No = 1,078,740

~~Amendment to the Constitution of 1963~~

~~to prohibit public aid to non-public
schools and students.~~

20
21

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1970 Ballot Proposals

Const. Amndt., Prop. B, Lower Minimum Voting Age
General Election, November 3, 1970

Yes = 924,981 No = 1,446,884

~~Amendment to the Constitution of 1963~~

~~to lower the minimum voting age from
twenty-one to eighteen years.~~

22
23

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970

Referenda

ReferendaGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 1,416,838; No = 1,078,740Proposal C.

This amendment adds language to the constitution to:

- (a) Prohibit use of public funds to aid any non-public elementary or secondary school;
- (b) Prohibit use of public funds, except for transportation, to support the attendance of any students or the employment of any person at non-public schools or at any other location or institution where instruction is offered in whole or in part to non-public school students;
- (c) Prohibit any payment, credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition voucher, subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property, directly or indirectly, for the above purposes.

Should this amendment be adopted?

24

Vote Yes (For)

25

Vote No (Against)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaReferendumGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,754,887; No = 1,460,724; Total = 3,215,611Proposal A:PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MICHIGAN TO DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIMEThe proposed law would change Michigan to Daylight
Saving Time from the last Sunday in April until the
last Sunday in October of each year.SHOULD THIS PROPOSED LAW BE APPROVED?

26

Vote Yes (For)

27

Vote No (Against)

28

Total Vote

1972 ReferendaReferendumGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,270,416; No = 1,958,265; Total = 3,228,681Proposal B:PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ABORTION UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONSThe proposed law would allow a licensed medical or
osteopathic physician to perform an abortion at the
request of the patient, if (1) the period of gestation
has not exceeded 28 weeks, and (2) if the procedure
is performed in a licensed hospital or other facility
approved by the Department of Public Health.SHOULD THIS PROPOSED LAW BE APPROVED?

29

Vote Yes (For)

30

Vote No (Against)

31

Total Vote

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,324,702; No = 1,815,126; Total = 3,139,828Proposal C:

PROPOSAL TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAX FOR SCHOOL,
COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP PURPOSES AND TO
PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL
ESTABLISH A STATE TAX PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT
OF SCHOOLS

The proposed amendment would:

(1) ban a property tax for general school operation purposes;

(2) limit the property tax to allocated amounts for specified county, township and school purposes, the total not to exceed 26 mills; and

(3) require the legislature to establish a tax program for raising and distributing funds for public elementary and secondary schools; and

(4) require the legislature to provide for distributing supplemental funds, based on local need, for specified purposes.

SHOULD THIS AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

32

Vote Yes (For)

33

Vote No (Against)

34

Total Vote

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 959,286; No = 2,102,744; Total = 3,062,030Proposal D:

PROPOSAL TO REMOVE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN
AGAINST GRADUATED INCOME TAX

The proposed amendment would enable the legislature
to impose a flat rate or graduated state income tax
and to enact laws to permit local units to levy a flat
rate or graduated income tax.

SHOULD THIS AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

35

Vote Yes (For)

36

Vote No (Against)

37

Total Vote

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaReferendumGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 1,490,968; No = 1,603,203; Total = 3,094,171Proposal E:

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE STATE TO BORROW
\$266,000,000.00 FOR TUITION PAYMENTS AND
BONUSES TO VIETNAM AND OTHER VETERANS

The proposal would allow the State of Michigan to
borrow the sum of \$266,000,000.00 to provide veterans
of the Vietnam and other conflicts with tuition pay-
ments to educational institutions or a service bonus.

The state shall issue general obligation bonds of
the state to secure the said amount and shall pledge
the full faith and credit of the state for the payment
of principal and interest. The method of repayment
shall be from the general fund of the state.

SHOULD THIS PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

38

Vote Yes (For)

39

Vote No (Against)

40

Total Vote

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentPrimary Election, August 8, 1972Yes = 696,570; No = 357,186; Total = 1,053,756Proposal A:

Proposed constitutional amendment to allow
trial by a jury of less than twelve jurors in all
prosecutions in all courts for misdemeanors
punishable by imprisonment for not more than
one year.

41

Vote Yes (For)

42

Vote No (Against)

43

Total Vote

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, May 16, 1972Yes = 1,352,768; No = 506,778; Total = 1,859,546Proposal A:To allow the legislature to authorize lotteries
and to permit the sale of lottery tickets.

44

Vote Yes (For)

45

Vote No (Against)

46

Total Vote

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, May 16, 1972Yes = 866,593; No = 915,312; Total = 1,781,905Proposal B:To permit members of the legislature to resign
and accept another office to which they have been
elected or appointed.

47

Vote Yes (For)

48

Vote No (Against)

49

Total Vote

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 1,091,938; NO = 1,146,109Proposal A: Limiting use of motor fuel tax
fund.

50

Vote Yes (For)

51

Vote No (Against)

1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 1,668,641; NO = 700,041Proposal B: Vietnam and other veterans bonus
bonds.

52

Vote Yes (For)

53

Vote No (Against)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1974 Referenda
Constitutional Amendment
General Election, November 5, 1974
Yes = 1,337,609; No = 1,071,253
Proposal C: Removal of sales tax on food and
prescription drugs.

54

Vote Yes (For)

55

Vote No (Against)

1974 Referenda
Constitutional Amendment
General Election, November 5, 1974
Yes = 963,576; No = 1,319,586
Proposal D: State-wide transportation systems
bonds.

56

Vote Yes (For)

57

Vote No (Against)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

<u>Var. #</u>	<u>Deck #</u>	<u>Cols. #</u>	<u>Description</u>
		<u>1976</u>	Referenda
			<u>General Election, November 2, 1976</u>
			<u>Yes = 2,160,398; No = 1,227,254</u>
			<u>Proposal A: Proposed law to prohibit the use of</u>
			<u>non-returnable bottles and cans for soft drinks and</u>
			<u>beer; to require refundable cash deposits for soft</u>
			<u>drink and beer containers; and to provide penalties</u>
			<u>for violation of the law.</u>
58			Vote Yes (For)
59			Vote No (Against)
60			Total Vote
61			Vote Yes (Percent)
62			Vote No (Percent)
		<u>1976</u>	Referenda
			<u>General Election, November 2, 1976</u>
			<u>Constitutional Amendment</u>
			<u>Yes = 698,993; No = 2,580,945</u>
			<u>Proposal B: Proposal to change the qualifications</u>
			<u>for the offices of state senator and state</u>
			<u>representative.</u>
63			Vote Yes (For)
64			Vote No (Against)
65			Total Vote
66			Vote Yes (Percent)
67			Vote No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

<u>Var. #</u>	<u>Cols. #</u>	<u>Description</u>
	<u>1976</u>	Referenda
		<u>General Election, November 2, 1976</u>
		<u>Constitutional Amendment</u>
		<u>Yes = 1,407,438; No = 1,866,620</u>
		<u>Proposal C: Proposal to limit all state taxes and</u>
		<u>spending to 8.3 percent of the combined personal</u>
		<u>income of Michigan.</u>
68		Vote Yes (For)
69		Vote No (Against)
70		Total Vote
71		Vote Yes (Percent)
72		Vote No (Percent)
	<u>1976</u>	Referenda
		<u>General Election, November 2, 1976</u>
		<u>Constitutional Amendment</u>
		<u>Yes = 897,780; No = 2,332,513</u>
		<u>Proposal D: Proposal to replace the present flat</u>
		<u>rate state income tax for calendar year 1977;</u>
		<u>thereafter, rates and bases of state income taxes</u>
		<u>to be determined by the legislature.</u>
73		Vote Yes (For)
74		Vote No (Against)
75		Total Vote
76		Vote Yes (Percent)
77		Vote No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 1,819,847; No = 933,1013 PROPOSAL CPROPOSAL TO PERMIT THE DEPOSIT OF
STATE FUNDS IN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS
AND CREDIT UNIONS AS WELL AS IN BANKS.

The proposed amendment would:

Authorize the deposit of state funds in savings and loan
associations and credit unions as well as in banks.

Should this amendment be adopted?

88

Vote Yes (For)

89

Vote No (Against)

90

Total Votes

91

Vote Yes (Percent)

92

Vote No (Percent)

1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 1,609,589; No = 1,208,4974 PROPOSAL DPROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES FROM BEING SOLD TO, OR POSSESSED FOR
PURPOSES OF PERSONAL CONSUMPTION BY, A PERSON
UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Define an alcoholic beverage.
2. Prohibit sale or giving of an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21.
3. Prohibit the possession for personal consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a person under the age of 21.

Should this amendment be adopted?

93

Vote Yes (For)

94

Vote No (Against)

95

Total Votes

96

Votes Yes (Percent)

97

Votes No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1978

Yes = 1,450,150; No = 1,313,984

5 PROPOSAL E

PROPOSAL FOR TAX LIMITATION.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Limit all state taxes and revenues, excepting federal aid, to its current proportion of total state personal income and to provide for exception for a declared emergency.
2. Prohibit local government from adding new or increasing existing taxes without voter approval.
3. Prohibit the state from adopting new or expanding present local programs without full state funding.
4. Prohibit the state from reducing existing level of aid to local governments, taken as a group.
5. Require voter approval of certain bonded indebtedness.

Should this amendment be adopted?

98

Vote Yes (For)

99

Vote No (Against)

100

Total Votes

101

Vote Yes (Percent)

102

Vote No (Percent)

1978 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1978

Yes = 1,535,023; No = 1,203,930

6 PROPOSAL GPROPOSAL TO ALLOW COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION FOR
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Permit state troopers and sergeants to bargain collectively with their employers concerning conditions of employment.
2. Permit state troopers and sergeants to submit unresolved disputes to binding arbitration.
3. Provide that all promotions be determined by competitive examination and performance on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness.

Should this amendment be adopted?

103

Vote Yes (For)

104

Vote No (Against)

105

Total Votes

106

Votes Yes (Percent)

107

Votes No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 718,440; No = 2,075,583

7

PROPOSAL H

PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO ESTABLISH A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR FINANCING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AT PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Prohibit the use of property taxes for school operating expenses.
2. Require the legislature to establish a program of general state taxation for support of schools.
3. Require the legislature to provide for the issuance of an educational voucher to be applied toward financing a student's education at a public or nonpublic school of the student's parent's or guardian's choice.

Should this amendment be adopted?

108

Vote Yes (For)

109

Vote No (Against)

110

Total Votes

111

Vote Yes (Percent)

112

Vote No (Percent)

1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 1,032,343; No = 1,737,133

8

PROPOSAL J

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM OF 5.6% ON THE RATE OF THE STATE INCOME TAX; TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATURE FROM REQUIRING NEW OR EXPANDED LOCAL PROGRAMS WITHOUT STATE FUNDING; AND TO ALLOW SCHOOL INCOME TAX WITH VOTER APPROVAL.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Reduce real and personal property tax assessments to 25% of true cash value of property.
2. Limit state equalization increase to 2.5% for any year.
3. Establish a maximum of 5.6% on the rate of the state income tax.
4. Allow legislature to authorize school districts to levy up to 1% income tax with local school district voter approval.
5. Prohibit legislature from requiring new or expanded local programs unless fully funded by state.

Should this amendment be adopted?

113

Vote Yes (For)

114

Vote No (Against)

115

Total Votes

116

Votes Yes (Percent)

117

Votes No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 2,307,038; No = 458,357

9

PROPOSAL K

PROPOSAL TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO
COURTS TO DENY BAIL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
INVOLVING VIOLENT CRIMES.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Permit denial of bail to a person accused of:
 - a. Murder, treason, armed robbery, criminal sexual assault 1st degree, or kidnapping for extortion;
 - b. A felony involving an act or threat of violence if the person has been convicted of two crimes involving violence within the previous 15 years or is on bail, parole or probation for such a crime.
2. Provide that trial must be commenced within 90 days after denial of bail or bail shall be set.

Should this amendment be adopted?

118

Vote Yes (For)

119

Vote No (Against)

120

Total Votes

121

Vote Yes (Percent)

122

Vote No (Percent)

1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 1,478,316; No = 1,233,196

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PROPOSAL M

PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST 90%
OF GAS TAX REVENUES FOR GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES
AND THE REMAINDER FOR OTHER TRANSPORTATION
PURPOSES AND TO REPLACE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
WITH A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Provide that at least 90% of gas and license tax revenue be used exclusively for general road purposes.
2. Provide that remainder of gas and license tax revenue and not to exceed 25% of sales tax on cars and parts be used exclusively for other transportation purposes.
3. Limit bonding for roads, streets, bridges and other transportation purposes to amounts to be derived from specific motor vehicle tax and sales tax revenues.
4. Replace State Highway Commission with a nonpartisan State Transportation Commission which shall establish a state transportation policy.

Should this amendment be adopted?

123

Vote Yes (For)

124

Vote No (Against)

125

Total Votes

126

Votes Yes (Percent)

127

Votes No (Percent)

State Michigan

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 1,257,606; No = 1,415,441

// PROPOSAL R

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A
RAILROAD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS
TO RAILROADS WITH TRACKAGE IN MICHIGAN AND TO
AUTHORIZE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 175 MILLION DOLLARS.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Require legislature to create a Railroad Redevelopment Authority.
2. Authorize Authority to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed 175 million dollars at any period in time and pledge full faith and credit of state for repayment thereof.
3. Authorize Authority to make loans to railroads for redevelopment projects in interest of national defense or state industries.

Should this amendment be adopted?

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (Percent)

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Vote No (Percent)

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=746,027 No=2,769,497

~~A proposal to make local school boards responsible for school personnel and programs, to reduce local property tax maximums for operational purposes, to provide additional property tax relief for senior retirees, and require the state to raise revenues necessary for equal per pupil funding of public schools.~~

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,403,935 No=2,250,873

~~The proposed amendment would reduce the legal drinking age from 21 to 19 years of age.~~

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=894,441 No=2,583,253

~~Proposal to provide property tax relief; to reimburse
local and state governments with additional sales tax;
to mandate net state lottery revenue for schools;
and to mandate state "rainy day" fund.~~

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,622,301 No=2,051,008

Proposal to decrease property taxes and prohibit new
types of homestead taxes; to require 60% voter approval
to raise state taxes or fees; to require partial state
reimbursement to local units for lost income; to limit
legislature's ability to change tax exemptions or
credits or change per-pupil formula.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,288,999 No=2,202,042

Proposal to construct four regional prison facilities,
demolish the Michigan reformatory, effect other state
and local correctional purposes, develop preventive
programs, and provide the funds therefor by increasing
the state income tax by 1/10 of 1% for 5 year period.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,287,172 No=2,134,546

A proposal to allow the legislature to pass laws
relating to their constitutional exemption from civil
arrest during legislative sessions.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

161

Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsBallot ProposalGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=1,410,912 No=1,927,001

~~A proposal to restrict the authority of the lieutenant
governor and set up a procedure to fill a vacancy in
the office of lieutenant governor.~~

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State Michigan

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1981 Ballot ProposalsSpecial Election - May 19, 1981Yes = 560,924 No = 1,451,305**PROPOSAL A****PROPOSAL TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES, REDUCE CITY INCOME TAXES, LIMIT GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RETURN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS AND GIVE STATE LOTTERY PROFITS TO SCHOOL AID FUND.**

The proposed amendment would:

1. Reduce by 50% homestead property taxes used for operating schools and local governments. Reduction limited to \$1400.00 in 1981 and changed yearly as home values change.
2. Reduce by 50% local individual income taxes on first \$40,000 of taxable income.
3. Make state return to local governments all funds lost by above reductions.
4. Limit yearly property tax revenue growth to 6% by property type unless raised by local voters.
5. Raise sales tax from 4% to 5.5%. Raise must be returned to local governments and schools.
6. Let farms and forests be assessed at use value.
7. Give state lottery profits to school aid fund.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Should this amendment be adopted?

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172Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsVote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot Proposals

General Election, November 2, 1982

Yes = 1,804,728 No = 1,029,743

A proposal to allow the Legislature to pass laws to reform their existing constitutional exemption from civil arrest and process during legislative sessions.

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot Proposals

General Election, November 2, 1982

Yes = 720,915 No = 2,111,802

A proposal to create by Constitution a Michigan Department of State Police, provide for its personnel, prescribe its duties and require minimum staffing.

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982Yes = 1,344,463 No = 1,445,897

A proposal to prevent a lender from using a
"Due-on-sale" clause to foreclose a mortgage
or land contract when the property is sold,
unless security is impaired.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982Yes = 1,472,442 No = 1,431,834

A proposal to require hearings on all utility
rate increases, abolish rate adjustment
clauses, and establish procedures in rate
hearings.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982Yes = 1,585,809 No = 1,216,172

A proposal expressing the people's desire for a
mutual nuclear weapons freeze with the Soviet
Union and requiring state officials to convey
that desire to the President of the United
States and other Federal officials.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982Yes = 1,026,160 No = 1,771,098

A proposal for an elected Public Service
Commission.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election, November 2, 1982Yes = 1,670,381 No = 1,131,990

A proposal to prohibit certain adjustment clauses;
prohibit rate increases without prior notice and
hearing; and prohibit state legislators from
accepting employment with a utility for two
years.

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Vote Yes (For)
 Vote No (Against)
 Total Votes
 Vote Yes (percent)
 Vote No (percent)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)
 Vote No (Against)
 Total Votes
 Vote Yes (percent)
 Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Proposal A

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 1,280,948 No = 1,827,677

PROPOSAL A—A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The proposed amendment would:

Provide for the legislature or a joint committee of the legislature to approve or disapprove administrative rules written by state agencies to implement state law before the rules may be formally adopted by the agency as law, in a manner now or at a later date provided by law.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

Var #Description

Ballot Proposals

Proposal B

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 2,066,554 No = 1,120,794

PROPOSAL B—A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND AND A BOARD TO ADMINISTER IT, TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR IT FROM NATURAL RESOURCE LEASES, AND EXISTING FUNDS AND TO SPECIFY AND LIMIT THE EXPENDITURES THEREFROM

The proposed amendment would:

1. Establish a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to be funded by certain royalties, bonuses and rentals collected by the state from the drilling of oil and gas or mining of minerals on state-owned land.

2. Require that earnings from the Trust Fund be used only for:

- a. purchasing land or rights in land:

- (1) for public recreation;

- (2) of environmental importance; or

- (3) of particular scenic beauty;

- b. developing public recreation facilities;

- c. administering the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

3. Require creation of a Natural Resources Trust Fund Board to recommend projects to be approved by the legislature.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (percent)

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Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #1984Description

Ballot Proposals

Proposal C

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 1,376,141 No = 2,035,867**PROPOSAL C—A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE 9,
SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO
TAXES, OTHER REVENUES AND VOTER OR LEGISLATIVE
APPROVAL OF SAME**

The proposed amendment would:

1. Prohibit changes in the base or rate of any state or local tax which would increase its revenue yield, or adoption of new taxes, unless approved by voters.

2. Make void 90 days after the adoption of amendment:

- a. new or increased rate or base of state or local taxes since 12/31/81 unless/until approved by voters;

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- b. new or increased license, user or permit fees since 12/31/81 unless/until approved by voters or 4/5 vote of legislative body adopting same.

3. Limit nonresident local political subdivision income tax to 1/2 of 1%.

4. Require tax proposals to state purpose, total anticipated amount and expiration date.

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

Var #Description1986

Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 1

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 908,627 No = 936,643**PROPOSAL A****A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE**

The proposed amendment would:

Provide clear authority under the State Constitution for the establishment of the library of Michigan within the legislative branch of state government and require that the library be administered by laws enacted by the State Legislature. The library of Michigan was transferred by statute from the Department of Education to the legislative branch of state government in 1983.

Should the proposed amendment be adopted?

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 2

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 648,116

No = 1,136,721

PROPOSAL B**A PROPOSAL ALLOWING FOR THE APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE**

The proposed amendment would:

Authorize the State Legislature to enact laws which would permit the Legislature or a joint committee of the Legislature to approve or reject administrative rules proposed by state agencies. Administrative rules implement state law.

Should the proposed amendment be adopted?

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 3

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 905,767

No = 910,297

PROPOSAL C**A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

The proposed amendment would:

Transfer the authority to determine the salaries and expense allowances of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General from the State Legislature to the State Officers Compensation Commission. The Commission currently has the authority to determine the salaries and expense allowances of the State Legislature, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Justices of the Supreme Court. This proposal, if adopted, would go into effect on July 1, 1988.

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

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BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
238	Vote Yes (For)	Referendum on Legislation, General
239	Vote No (Against)	
240	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
241	Vote Yes (percent)	
242	Vote No (percent)	YES = 1,959,727 NO = 1,486,371

The following is the official ballot wording:

PROPOSAL A

RESTRICT USE OF TAX FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS FOR PERSONS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Public Act 59 of 1987 is a law that states that tax funds shall not be used to pay for an abortion for a person receiving public assistance unless necessary to save the life of the mother.

Should the law be approved?

YES ☐

NO ☐

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>	<u>Description</u>
243	Vote Yes (For)
244	Vote No (Against)
245	Total Votes
246	Vote Yes (percent)
247	Vote No (percent)
	Election: November 8, 1988.
	YES = 2,662,796 NO = 650,515

The following is the official ballot wording:

PROPOSAL B

PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE CONSTITUTION

The proposal would amend the constitution to provide:

- 1) That crime victims shall have certain rights throughout the criminal justice process.
- 2) That crime victims' rights, as provided by law, shall be the right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy; be reasonably protected from the accused; be notified of court proceedings and attend trials; confer with prosecution and make a statement to court at sentencing; restitution; timely disposition of the case; and information about conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of accused.
- 3) That legislature may enact laws to enforce crime victims' rights and provide for assessments against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

Should the proposed amendment be adopted?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
248	Vote Yes (For)	Referendum on Legislation, General
249	Vote No (Against)	
250	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
251	Vote Yes (percent)	
252	Vote No (percent)	YES = 2,528,109 NO = 774,451

The following is the official ballot wording:

PROPOSAL C

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS

The proposal would:

- 1) Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$660 million dollars to finance environmental protection programs that would clean up sites of toxic and other environmental contamination, contribute to a regional Great Lakes protection fund, address solid waste problems, treat sewage and other water quality problems, reuse industrial sites and preserve open space; and
- 2) Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for payment of principal and interest on the bonds; and
- 3) Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES ☐

NO ☐

State MICHIGAN

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
253	Vote Yes (For)	Referendum on Legislation, General
254	Vote No (Against)	
255	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
256	Vote Yes (percent)	
257	Vote No (percent)	YES = 2,055,290 NO = 1,206,465

The following is the official ballot wording:

PROPOSAL D

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL RECREATION PROJECTS

The proposal would:

- 1) Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$140 million dollars to finance state and local public recreation projects; and
- 2) Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for payment of principal and interest on the bonds; and
- 3) Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES ☐

NO ☐